

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chairman Gregory D. Barkus, on March 10, 2009 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Gregory D. Barkus, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brenden, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lindsey Hern, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 221, 3/25/2009; HB 223,
3/25/2009; HB 383, 3/25/2009

Executive Action: HB 62; HB 137; HB 203; HB 222;
HB 223; HB 383

HEARING ON HB 221

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:55 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 221, Revise time for eligibility for youth hunting license.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:29 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:03:46 Ron Aasheim, Administrator, Communication and Education Division, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

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00:04:29 Mac Minard, Self

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:12 Sen. Barrett

00:05:28 Rep. Cohenour

00:05:42 Sen. Barrett

00:05:48 Rep. Cohenour

00:06:03 Sen. Barrett

00:06:09 Rep. Cohenour

00:06:28 Chairman Barkus

00:06:52 Mr. Aasheim, FWP

00:06:58 Chairman Barkus

00:07:05 Mr. Aasheim, FWP

00:07:08 Chairman Barkus

00:07:26 Mr. Aasheim, FWP

00:07:32 Chairman Barkus

00:07:41 Mr. Aasheim, FWP

00:07:55 Chairman Barkus

00:07:59 Jim Kropp, Chief of Law Enforcement, FWP

00:08:29 Chairman Barkus

00:08:36 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:08:40 Chairman Barkus

00:08:50 Mr. Kropp, FWP

00:08:55 Chairman Barkus

00:09:26 Mr. Kropp, FWP
00:09:32 Rep. Cohenour
00:09:54 Chairman Barkus
00:10:11 Rep. Cohenour
00:10:42 Chairman Barkus
00:11:06 Rep. Cohenour
00:11:10 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
00:11:55 Chairman Barkus

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:03 Rep. Cohenour

HEARING ON HB 223

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:16 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 223, Revise laws governing revocation of hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:50 Mr. Kropp, FWP
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00:18:09 Ms. Johnson, Montana Game Wardens Association (MGWA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:41 Sen. Brenden
00:19:29 Mr. Kropp, FWP
00:20:04 Sen. Brenden
00:20:32 Mr. Kropp, FWP
00:20:47 Sen. Jent
00:21:35 Chairman Barkus
00:22:38 Mr. Kropp
00:23:20 Chairman Barkus

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:42 Rep. Cohenour

00:23:57 Sen. Schmidt came to the committee.

00:27:27 Sen. Gallus came to the committee.

HEARING ON HB 383

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:47 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 383, Revise fish & game laws re: free license for youth with life-threatening illness.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:08 Ms. Johnson, MOGA

00:45:50 Mr. Minard, MOGA

00:49:41 Mr. Aasheim, FWP

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:44 Sen. Schmidt

00:51:11 Mr. Minard

00:51:25 Sen. Schmidt

00:51:41 Mr. Aasheim

00:51:56 Chairman Barkus

00:52:34 Mr. Minard

00:53:48 Chairman Barkus

00:54:05 Mr. Minard

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:29 Rep. Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 383

00:55:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tropila moved that **HB 383 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Balyeat and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy. Sen. Brenden will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 223

00:57:06 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **HB 223 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

00:57:24 Sen. Gallus
00:57:37 Chairman Barkus

00:58:15 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 223 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Balyeat and Sen. Shockley voted by proxy. Sen. Jent will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 222

00:59:23 **Motion:** Sen. Jent moved that **HB 222 BE CONCURRED IN**.

00:59:34 **Motion:** Sen. Jent moved that **HB 222 BE AMENDED**.
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Discussion:

01:00:16 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
01:00:21 Chairman Barkus
01:00:24 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
01:00:55 Sen. Shockley came to the committee.
01:02:23 Sen. Jent
01:02:42 Sen. Barrett
01:02:51 Sen. Jent
01:03:07 Sen. Brenden
01:04:05 Chairman Barkus
01:04:13 Sen. Jent
01:04:44 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
01:05:05 Sen. Schmidt
01:05:21 Sen. Jent
01:05:33 Sen. Schmidt
01:05:42 Sen. Jent
01:06:12 Sen. Schmidt
01:06:14 Sen. Jent
01:06:31 Sen. Gallus

01:07:32 Sen. Jent
01:08:33 Sen. Gallus
01:09:13 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
01:10:10 Sen. Barrett
01:10:15 Sen. Balyeat came to the committee.
01:10:29 Sen. Jent
01:11:23 Chairman Barkus
01:11:28 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
01:12:13 Chairman Barkus
01:13:23 Sen. Jent
01:14:00 Sen. Shockley
01:15:25 Sen. Balyeat
01:16:32 Sen. Shockley
01:17:10 Sen. Balyeat
01:17:34 Chairman Barkus
01:17:38 Sen. Shockley
01:17:39 Sen. Jent
01:17:42 Sen. Shockley
01:17:53 Chairman Barkus
01:17:57 Sen. Shockley
01:18:02 Sen. Balyeat
01:18:05 Sen. Shockley
01:18:41 Sen. Jent
01:19:44 Chairman Barkus
01:20:43 Sen. Shockley
01:20:59 Sen. Balyeat
01:22:24 Chairman Barkus
01:22:37 Sen. Balyeat
01:22:42 Sen. Jent
01:23:36 Chairman Barkus
01:23:44 Sen. Barrett
01:24:15 Sen. Jent
01:24:25 Sen. Brenden
01:24:28 Sen. Jent
01:24:32 Sen. Gallus
01:25:48 Chairman Barkus
01:25:59 Sen. Jent
01:26:38 Chairman Barkus
01:26:40 Sen. Jent On the suggestion of the Chairman, he
withdrew the motion and the amendment on HB 222
01:26:47 Sen. Gallus
01:27:25 Sen. Shockley
01:27:34 Chairman Barkus
01:27:37 Sen. Shockley
01:27:55 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
01:28:35 Chairman Barkus
01:28:46 Sen. Gallus
01:28:48 Sen. Barrett
01:29:16 Ms. Stockwell, LSD
01:29:41 Sen. Shockley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 203

01:30:34 Chairman Barkus

01:30:43 **Motion:** Sen. Balyeat moved that **HB 203 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:30:55 Chairman Barkus

01:31:32 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

01:32:21 Sen. Brenden

01:32:25 Sen. Balyeat

01:32:29 Chairman Barkus

01:32:35 Sen Shockley

01:32:41 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 203 BE CONCURRED IN** carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Jent voting no. Sen. Balyeat will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 137

01:33:53 Chairman Barkus

01:34:03 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **HB 137 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:34:21 Sen. Brenden

01:34:56 Chairman Barkus

01:35:04 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 137 BE CONCURRED IN** carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Shockley will carry the bill in the Senate.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 62

01:35:45 **Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved that **HB 62 BE TABLED.**

01:36:13 Chairman Barkus

01:36:33 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Gallus moved to withdraw the motion to table and made a substitute motion that **HB 62 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:36:58 Sen. Shockley

01:37:22 Sen. Balyeat

01:37:30 Sen. Gallus

01:37:44 Sen. Balyeat

01:38:58 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden made a substitute motion that **HB 62 BE TABLED**. Substitute motion carried 5-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Jent, Sen. Schmidt, Sen. Shockley, and Sen. Tropila voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:45 P.M.

Lindsey Hern, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([fis53aad.pdf](#))